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| I. LABOR MARKET EXPERIENCE VARIABLES | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| A. Current labor force and employment status and characteristics of current/most recent job¹ | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Survey week labor force and employment status | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | | | |
| Occupation (DOT code) | * | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Hours worked in survey week | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | | | |
| Hours per week usually worked | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * |
| Shift worked (in 2002/2004 for CPS job only) | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | | | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * |
| Promotion (varies with year) | | | | | | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | | | | | * | * | * | * | * |
| Commuting time to current job | * | * | * | | | | | | | * | | | | | * | * | | | | | |
| Availability of fringe benefits (beginning in 1994 for multiple jobs) | * | * | | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * |
| Global job satisfaction item | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * |
| Job satisfaction scale | * | * | * | * | | | | | * | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Job characteristics inventory | * | | | * | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Size of employer (in 2002/2004, only at R's worksite) | * | * | | | | | | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * |
| Minority status of coworkers (1980 only), supervisor | | * | | * | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Time R expects to stay at job | * | * | * | * | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Participation in work-study program | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| B. Work experience since Jan. 1, 1978, or previous survey, or in past calendar year | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Weeks worked | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * |
| Hours usually worked per week | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * |
| Number of weeks, spells of unemployment | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * |
| Weeks out of labor force | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * |
| C. Characteristics of jobs since Jan. 1, 1978, or last survey, including current or most recent job (more than 10 to 20 hours per week and more than 9 weeks in duration if not CPS job)² | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Occupation and industry (Census code) | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * |
| Class of worker | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * |
| Start date and stop date | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * |
| Hours usually worked at home | | | | | | | | | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * |
| Shift worked (only current/most recent job in 2002/2004) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | * | * | * | * | * | * |
| Rate of pay, hourly rate of pay | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * |
| Covered by collective bargaining | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * |

¹ Beginning in 1994, characteristics of the current or most recent job were collected in the first Employer Supplement loop, rather than in the CPS section. To maintain consistency, these questions are still included in this section of the table.

² Note that, beginning in 2002, the questionnaire includes separate sets of questions for self-employed respondents and respondents with nontraditional employment arrangements. The information collected is very similar to the regular employment questions, but wordings may vary to accommodate different situations. The three types of employer questions are not represented separately in the table.

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| Future military plans | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Reason for entering and leaving military | | * | * | * | * | * | * | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Contact with military recruiters | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Type of discharge | | * | * | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Enlistment or reenlistment bonuses received | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Civilian job offer at time of discharge | | * | * | * | * | * | * | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Return to same employer after active duty | | * | * | * | * | * | * | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| K. Educational and occupational aspirations and expectations | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Would R like more education or training; type | * | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| How much education desired and actually attained | * | | * | * | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Kind of work R would like to be doing at age 35 | * | | | * | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Expectation of achieving occupational goal | * | | | * | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| L. Attitudes | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Knowledge of World of Work score | * | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Would R work if had enough money to live on | * | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Characteristics of job R is willing to take (R unemployed or out of labor force) | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Reaction to hypothetical job offers | * | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Internal-External Locus of Control Scale (Rotter) | * | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Mastery Scale (Pearlin) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | * | | | | | | | |
| Attitude toward women working | * | | | * | | | | | * | | | | | | | | | | | | * |
| Self-Esteem Scale (Rosenberg) (10 items) | | * | | | | | | | * | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| CES-Depression Scale (40-and-older health module in 1998–2004) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | * | | * | | * | * | * | * |
| Person having most influence on R, his or her responses to various situations | * | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| M. Retrospective evaluation of labor market experience | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Perception of age, race, and sex discrimination | * | | | * | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Reason for problems in obtaining employment | * | | | * | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| N. Delinquency, drugs, and alcohol use | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Activities within last year (20 items) | | * | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Income from illegal activities within last year | | * | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Alcohol consumption in last week or month | | | | * | * | * | * | | * | * | | | | * | | * | | | | * | |
| Extent of cigarette use | | | | | | * | | | | | | | | * | | * | | * | | | |
| Age R first smoked and stopped smoking cigarettes | | | | | | | | | | | | | | * | | * | | * | | | |
| Extent of marijuana use | | * | | | | * | | | * | | | | | * | | * | | * | | | |
| Age R first used marijuana | | | | | | * | | | * | | | | | * | | * | | * | | | |
| Extent of cocaine use, age R first used | | | | | | * | | | * | | | | | * | | * | | * | | | |

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| Extent of "crack" cocaine use, age R first used | | | | | | | | | | | | | | * | | * | | * | | | |
| Ever used sedatives, barbiturates, and so forth | | | | | | * | | | | | | | | * | | * | | * | | | |
| Cigarette and alcohol use during pregnancy | | | | | * | * | * | * | | * | | * | | * | | * | * | * | * | * | * |
| Marijuana and cocaine use during pregnancy | | | | | | | | | | * | | * | | * | | * | * | * | * | * | * |
| O. Reported police contacts | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Number of times stopped by police | | * | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Number of times booked or arrested | | * | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Number of convictions, charges | | * | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Number of times incarcerated; date of release | | * | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| P. Time use | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Use of time at various activities (school, work, watching TV, household chores, and so forth) | | | * | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| III. ENVIRONMENTAL VARIABLES | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Region of residence | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * |
| Current residence urban or rural | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * |
| Current residence in metropolitan statistical area | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * |
| Unemployment rate of local labor market | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * |
| Changes in residence since January 1, 1978, or date of last interview (collected as a history) | * | * | | * | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | * | * | * |

NOTE: Excluded from this table are the detailed geographic, fertility, and child-specific variables that appear on separate NLSY79 constructed data files.